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09/922,484 filed August 3, 2001

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(1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No 09/922,484, filed August 3, 2001. Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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